

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 3-36 in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The rejection of claims 3-9, 14-18, 22-25, and 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Janssens et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,588,722) is respectfully traversed. The Office Action indicates that the rejection is maintained because 35 does not specifically define the heterocyclic groups of A. As amended, claim 35 reflects a Markush group defining the heterocyclic groups of A. Janssens does not appear to teach a compound that fits within the amended claims and the claims are, therefore, not anticipated by the reference. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 3-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite is respectfully traversed. Formula I in claims 35 and 36 is amended to reflect that the -NH_n group is attached to the ring carbon atom by a single bond, as suggested in the Office Action. Further, the language "the dotted line shows either the presence or absence of a bond;" is deleted as is the possibility that n might be 1. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification at least on page 9 which states that X may be O, S, C, or N. Subparagraph (4), bridging 9 and 10 of the specification, states that when X is nitrogen, the group -Y-X- may be $\text{-C(R}^7\text{)=C(R}^8\text{)-N=}$. In such an arrangement, the nitrogen of -Y-X- is double bonded to the ring carbon. Accordingly, that carbon must be single bonded to NH_n and n must be 2. Reviewing this specification, a person of skill in the art would realize this possibility for the

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claimed invention. Accordingly, the amendments are fully supported by the specification and the claims, as amended, are believed to be definite.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of these comments.

CONCLUSION

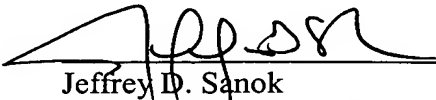
In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket #100598.50520).

Respectfully submitted,

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